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1. The shipyard in Gdansk (Danzig) employs about 8,000 persons, including office personnel, who work in two shifts. The shipyard has signed an agreement with the Soviet Union and pledged itself to deliver ships totaling 5,000 DWT per month. This has turned out to be impossible to achieve, and an investigation is taking place, accompanied by sharp criticism in the Polish press against the conditions in the shipyard. The shipyard in Gdansk, Poland's largest and most important shipyard, is at present building ships constructed by a riveting-welding process, but no entirely welded ships.

2. The KREMATORSK, a 5,000 DWT merchant vessel, intended for large scale transport of heavy goods, has been completed, and has already been delivered to the Soviet Union. A similar vessel, KRIVVOJ ROG, is near completion, while two similar ships are under construction. All these ships are equipped with 2,500 HP steam engines.

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3. Five 4,000 DWT ships of the LEWANT class have been launched from the shipyard but have not yet been delivered. Their names are presumably NOWA HUTA, LODZ, SZCZECIN, GDYNIA, and GDANSK. They will be equipped with 3,800 HP motors of the Sulzer type. These motors are already in the shipyard, although they have not yet been installed.

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The most advanced is the NOWA HUTA, which was already completed at one time, but ventilators were needed for a Soviet ship, and they were taken off the NOWA HUTA for that purpose. These vessels are intended for Poland and no others of this type will be built for the time being.

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4. About ten boats, 2,500 DWT each, are being built for the Soviet Union. Four of them have already been launched. They will be equipped with steam engines of the Lenz type, of Polish design and manufacture, probably from the Zgoda Steel Works. (sic.) These machines are of 1,600 to 1,700 HP. 50X1-HUM
5. The shipyard in Gdansk is planning to begin production in the fall of 1952 of 10,000 DWT motor ships. [REDACTED]
6. At the Gdansk shipyard, there are, in addition, about ten fishing boats under construction; these are also being constructed by a riveting-welding process. Their length is about 50 meters. The plans call for prepared positions for cannons. Two such boats have already been completed and have been sent to the Soviet Union. It is said at the shipyard that some of them will be sent to China.
7. On Chelmek (Holm) Island, the widening of ways is continuing; these ways will be used to build river vessels for the Soviet Union. 50X1-HUM
8. The director of the shipyard is a young [REDACTED] engineer, who came to the shipyard from the railroads in May. Previously, the director was Michalik [REDACTED]. He had on his staff an engineer [REDACTED] named Rybinski, a pre-war specialist who died suddenly in April. Michalik, who understood that he could not manage the shipyard without Rybinski, withdrew voluntarily. 50X1-HUM
9. The shipyard in Gdynia employs about 4,000 persons, including officer personnel. Up to the present time 600 DWT boats have been built there by the riveting-welding process. Four such boats are now being completed after which the shipyard in Gdynia will cease new construction and devote itself first to renovating Polish submarines, and thereafter to repairing Soviet ships. 50X1-HUM
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